whatsoever relating to the affairs of the Institute.

(v) The Director General shall be competent to sub-delegate any of the powers conferred upon him to the Dy. Director-General or to such other officers working under him as may be considered necessary, consistent with the need for proper, effective and efficient discharge of responsibilities entrusted to such Dy. Director General/Officers.

(iv) In the absence of Director General on long leave, deputation in India or abroad or due to transfer, arrangements to look after the duties of the Director General may be made by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Fast Food Outlets by MNCs

1784. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to permit MNCs to have chains of fast food outlets in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that fast food outlets owned by MNCs use ingredients in their food preparations to make it tasty, although these are considered harmful, on health grounds;

(d) if so, the details of such cases which have been brought to Government's notice so far; and

(e) the details of safeguard provided to check such malpracties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (e) The Industrial Policy Statement of 1991 permits foreign equity investments in various sectors of the industry which inter-alia include processed food products, hotels and tourism related industry. Under this Policy, while automatic approval for foreign equity investments upto 51% is granted for industries listed in annexure-III of the Industrial Policy Statement of 1991, proposals for foreign investments which do not qualify for the automatic approval are also examined by a high powered Committee known as the Foreign Investment Promotion Board and are approved at an appropriate level of the government. Foreign investments by the international companies for establishment of quick service restaurants have been permitted by the government under the above Policy. These chains of restaurants are to operate within the laws in force.

Sale of food articles containing harmful ingredients are punishable under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. Food (Health) authorities of the State and Union Territories have been advised to keep vigil on the quality of food articles sold and take legal action in the event of contravention.

मध्य प्रदेश में कृषि के विकास हेतु धनराशियों का आवंटन

1785. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश को कृषि के विकास हेतु आवंटित की गई धनराशि का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा वास्तव में कितनी धनराशि का उपयोग किया गया;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने चालू वर्ष हेतु अतिरिक्त धन-राशि की मांग की है;